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LETTER DATED 26 OCTOBER 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance and cause provocation continued over the period 11-20 October 1995.

11 October 1995

Southern region: 51 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Busayyah, Chabaish, Artawi and Salman.

12 October 1995

1. Northern region: 11 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 24 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi, Busayyah and Shu'aybah.

13 October 1995

1. Northern region: 6 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar and Aqrah.

2. Southern region: 48 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Artawi, Busayyah, Jalibah, Chabaish, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Shanafiyah, Basra and Salman.

3. On 13 October 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0920 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1045 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1222 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1305 hours.

14 October 1995

1. Southern region: 33 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Basra, Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Chabaish, Samawah, Busayyah and Artawi.

3. At 1000 hours on 14 October 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 1155 hours.

15 October 1995

1. Northern region: 11 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 38 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

3. On 15 October 1995, aggressor aircraft broke the sound barrier in the Kharanij area of the southern desert in Muthanna Governorate while citizens were casting their votes in the plebiscite at the polling station.

16 October 1995

1. Southern region: 39 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

2. At 0940 hours on 16 October 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region. It left in the direction of Kuwait at 1125 hours.

17 October 1995

1. Northern region: 10 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Amadiyah, Aqrah, Dohuk, Ayn Zalah, Tall Afar, Mosul and Irbil.

2. Southern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Artawi, Jalibah, Chabaish, Busayyah, Nasiriyah, Shatrah, Samawah and Shanafiyah.

3. On 17 October 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0845 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1235 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1155 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1235 hours.

18 October 1995

1. Northern region: 15 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 57 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Amarah, Qurnah, Chabaish, Jalibah and Artawi.

19 October 1995

1. Northern region: 2 hostile American sorties over the Mosul area at 1105 hours. They disappeared at 1400 over the Tall Afar area.

2. Southern region: 61 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi and Ushbayjah.

3. On 19 October 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0955 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1147 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1350 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1445 hours.

20 October 1995

1. Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Zakho, Amadiyah, Dohuk, Mosul, Ayn Zalah, Tall Afar, Irbil and Aqrah.

2. Southern region: 80 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, over Basra, Artawi, Nasiriyah, Jalibah, Busayyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih and Qurnah.

3. On 20 October 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at speeds of 600 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace in the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1017 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1141 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1340 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1425 hours.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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